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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.143**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2007, applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, the subject matter of Group I, i.e., Claims 1, 3 – 5, 7, 9, 10, and 41, for continued prosecution in the above-identified patent application.

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